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SUBJ: CATHOLIC GROUPS PLAN TO RESUME PROTEST PRAYER MEETINGS

1. CATHOLIC SOURCES INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IMPATIENCE OF YOUNGER KOREAN CLERGY AND LAITY WITH ROKG FAILURE TO GIVE CLEAR SIGNALS RE FUTURE OF PRISONERS IS MOUNTING. CONSEQUENTLY, PRAYER MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MASSES FOR BISHOP CHI AND OTHERS WHO HAVE VIOLATED EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE BEEN RESUMED. ACCORDING SAME SOURCES MAIN OCCASION WILL BE SPECIAL MASS AT MYUNG DONG CATHEDRAL WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPT 11, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CANDLE LIGHT ASSEMBLY IN FRONT OF CATHOLIC HOSPITAL. SIMILAR SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD IN ALL DIOCESES EXCEPT PUSAN AND MASAN WHERE BISHOPS CONTINUE TO RESIST JOINING. RESUMPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF CARDINAL KIM SU HWAN.

2. KOREAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS MEETING SEPT 10-11 TO DISCUSS NEW STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED ON EVE OF BISHOP CHI'S EMERGENCY APPELLATE COURT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 12. CARDINAL KIM IS REPORTEDLY NOW SEEKING ASSURANCES FROM ROKG REGARDING ITS  
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INTENTIONS RE BISHOP AND OTHER PRISONERS AND WILL THEN

DECIDE WHETHER TO BREAK HIS SILENCE AND WHETHER TO DEPART  
FOR ROME FOR OPENING SEPT 17 OF TWO-WEEK SYNOD.

3. ONE GROUP OF PRIESTS IS PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE  
LETTER FROM BISHOP CHI TO CARDINAL KIM WHICH HAD BEEN  
SMUGGLED OUT OF PRISON. THIS LETTER REITERATES THE  
BISHOP'S CHALLENGE TO GOVT AND HIS MORAL JUSTIFICATION  
FOR HIS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTS. RELEASE OF STATEMENT  
IS TO COINCIDE WITH APPELLATE COURT-MARTIAL HEARING. SOURCES  
FURTHER REPORT THAT SOLE PERSON WHO HAD BEEN PERMITTED  
TO SEE BISHOP WAS HIS LAWYER IM KWAN KYU, WHO SAID THAT  
BISHOP INSISTS THAT HIS SOLE APPEAL IS FOR UNCONDITIONAL  
REVERSAL OF GUILTY VERDICT, NOT FOR REDUCTION OF CHARGES  
OR PENALTIES.  
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